

SMALL AND ABANDONED DAM REMOVAL GRANT PROGRAM

Authorization: ss. 31.385(2)(ag) and (ar), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 336, Wis. Adm. Code

Budget: 2001-2002 Fiscal Year = \$ 0
2001-2003 Fiscal Year = \$ 0

NOTE: The Legislature has authorized the DNR to use unspent funds from the Dam Maintenance, Repair, Modification, and Removal Grant program for this program. Approximately \$200,000 is available as of November 1, 2003.

Objective: Provide entities or individuals with financial assistance for the removal of small or abandoned dams.

Eligibility: Counties, cities, villages, towns, and public inland lake protection and rehabilitation districts, and private dam owners.

Level of Assistance: 50% matching grants; limit: \$50,000 per project.

Priorities: Funding priority is determined by the date the application is received provided that the application is complete and meets basic eligibility criteria.

Eligible Types of Projects: Small dams are those with a hydraulic height of less than 15 feet and an impoundment of 100 surface acres or less at normal pool. Abandoned dams are those declared abandoned using the process under s. 30121(4), Stats.

Applications: Available upon request after November 1, 2003. Even after all available funding is exhausted, DNR will hold eligible applications in a queue for funding should additional funds become available.

History: 1997 Wisconsin Act 27 added provisions to s. 31.385, Wis. Stats., that earmarked a small portion of the dam maintenance, repair, modification, abandonment and removal funds to be used specifically for the removal of small and abandoned dams. There has been no additional funding provided since the original legislation.

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